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## TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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OR FEE Attached is a fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under §1.97(c). (\$180.00). [OR:] Please charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under §1.97(c) (\$180.00) to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. A copy of this petition is enclosed. 3. The information disclosure statement transmitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in §1.97(c), but before, or simultaneously with the payment of the issue fee. A statement specified in §1.97(e) and a fee set forth in §1.17(p) are included. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d). **§1.97(e) STATEMENT** I, the person signing below, state: that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in the attached communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and that the communication is dated not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1). OR that no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the statement. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2). AND FEE Attached is a fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under §1.97(d). (\$180.00). 4. If it should be determined that for any reason either an insufficient fee or an excessive has been paid, please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment necessary to ensure consideration of the information disclosure statement for the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. A copy of this petition is enclosed. 5. A list of 2 reference(s) is in the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

§1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the statement. 37 C.F.R.

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## NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE REFERENCES

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Ø	The specification incorporates comments on the relevancy of Japanese Patent Application number 2001-267537.
	Set forth below are comments provided by the applicant's home country counsel on the relevancy of non-English language references:

Respectfully submitted, HOGAN & HARTSON L.L.P.

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